

News

Vaias Wins Tom Sawyer Award

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Press Release

The Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF), the 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit Community Outreach Program affiliated with the Maryland National-Capital Building Industry Association (MNCBIA), announced its winners of the 2010 Community Service Awards at the association's January dinner meeting. The award is presented annually to individuals or companies affiliated with the local home building industry in recognition of significant contributions to the community through unselfish efforts and dedication in support of projects that help the poor and disadvantaged in our communities. Four Tom Sawyer Awards and one Directors Award were presented by HBCF President Hugh Carroll.

Ms. Emily J. Vaias, a Partner with Linowes & Blocher LLP in Bethesda, was the recipient of the fourth Tom Sawyer Award. For over six years, Ms. Vaias has been instrumental in the creation of new Montgomery County home for Aunt Hattie's Place. Aunt Hattie's Place is a Baltimore-based non-profit dedicated to providing safe, nurturing, and long-term homes for abused, abandoned, and neglected children in foster care. Aunt Hattie's new supportive home, dedicated this past spring, now provides long-term housing for boys ages 12-19. Ms. Vaias has been part of the project team from conception through dedication and continues to be active. Aunt Hattie, who attended the ceremony, referred to Emily as an angel and said, *"she never once hinted of giving up on the project nor did she slow down providing her firm's resources during the entire six-year building process."*